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1. FRENCH BASC ELEMENT HAS INFORMED US CHIEF CONTROLLER AUG 29 THAT BRITISH GOVT ON AUG 28 TURNED DOWN RECENTLY RENEWED FRENCH REQUEST TO ASSUME CONTROL OVER NORTH CORRIDOR. FRENCH ARE STILL CONSIDERING BRITISH COUNTERPROPOSAL TO DIVIDE RESPONSIBILITY ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY.

2. IN VIEW OF IMMINENT SHIFT OF SCHEDULED SERVICE TO TEGEL SEPT 1, THREE WESTERN ELEMENTS HAVE AGREED TO INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS IN BASC. BETWEEN 0600 AND 2200
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LOCAL TIME FRENCH WILL HAVE TWO OFFICERS ON DUTY IN

BASC OPERATIONS ROOM. MORE SENIOR OF TWO WILL BE CONCERNED SOLELY WITH RELAY OF INFO TO AMERICAN OR BRITISH CONTROLLER. OTHER FRENCH CONTROLLER WILL FULFILL LONG-STANDING FRENCH ROLE OF RECORD KEEPING.

3. FRENCH HERE DETERMINED NOT TO RELINQUISH CONTROL OF INFO BY ALLOWING INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE LINES UNTIL DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY RESOLVED IN MANNER WHICH WILL GRANT THEM GREATER ROLE.

4. IN WORST CASE, IF INTERIM SYSTEM IN BASC LEADS TO DELAYS IN PASSING INFO TO SOVIETS, RESULTANT DELAYS IN AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS COULD CREATE AN AIR SAFETY PROBLEM. DELAYS OF OUTBOUND AIRCRAFT WILL MERELY INCONVENIENCE PASSENGERS, WHICH IS BAD ENOUGH IN ITSELF, BUT INBOUND AIRCRAFT MIGHT HAVE TO GO INTO HOLDING PATTERN AT CORRIDOR ENTRY POINTS IN CROWDED FRG AIR SPACE WHERE BASC LACKS AUTHORITY AND BARTCC HAS NO CONTROLLER RESPONSIBILITY. SUCH SITUATION COULD LEAD TO AIR SAFETY PROBLEM OVER FRG DUE TO UNEXPECTED ORBITING BY INBOUND AIRCRAFT.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE CONFIDENT FRENCH HERE HAVE MADE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT ENSURE SMOOTH PASSAGE OF FLIGHT INFO AFTER SEPT 1, BUT ENTIRE SITUATION LEADS US TO CONCLUDE THAT RESOLUTION OF NORTH CORRIDOR VS. NATIONAL CONTROL ISSUE AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE FROM EVERY STANDPOINT. GEORGE

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